

Countrey, he can haue Little Light from me ; I doe soe much depend vpon the Influence, and preualence the Kings Goodness will haue vpon thee, that I omitt to be any further Sollicituos ; Beleeueing that a great, and prudent man will alwaies act with caution and obedience to the mind of his Prince] By this part of the said Letter the L: B has a rule giuen him ; Being the Golden rule ; Though not Current in Pensilvania ; He is Likewise told the Danger if he should not Comply with those Comānds of his Maiestie, aduiseing him to [Act with caution and obedience to the mind of his Prince.] Though he and his Agents resoluēd to Slight and Reiect the Kings fauour therein ; and in the close of the said Letter Thus [I conclude with this request, that it would please thee to giue my Cosen and Deputy all the dispatch possible in the buisnes of the Bounds] ; Giveing the L B: to Vnderstand there were many waies by w<sup>ch</sup> he was able to serue him. The reason of reciteing soe much of his Maiesties Letter, As also of M<sup>r</sup> Penns deliuered the same time to the L B: is to Satisfie how positiuē the Kings Comānds for the speedy Determineing the buisnes of the bounds were in the first ; And how pressing the said Penn was in the Latter ; Being then Confident to gaine one third of Chesepeake Bay by the degree of 40 North-erly Lattitude. As his Maj<sup>ties</sup> said Letter was receiued by the L: B. with all respect, reuerence, and regard imaginable, soe was that other Letter from M<sup>r</sup> Penn with all the Satisfacōn Capt. William Markham, or M<sup>r</sup> Penn himselfe (had he bin present) could desire ; ffor since it had pleased the King to make M<sup>r</sup> Penn a Prop<sup>r</sup>, and a neighbor to Maryland, The L B concluded there could not be that faire Corespondence, as was Comānded by his Maiestie, and by the L: B: intended, betwixt his Maj<sup>ties</sup> Subjects of the two Prouinces, Vntill there was a Diuision, and Separation by the Line of 40 Northerly Lattitude, as his Maiestie required. In order hereunto the L. B. and Capt<sup>n</sup> William Markham agreed, that the 16<sup>th</sup> of October following should be the time of meeting to agree the Lattitude, and run out the Diuisionall line ; But Capt<sup>n</sup> Markham Relapsing into a fitt of Sicknes he had bin afflicted with at the L: B<sup>s</sup> house, it was deferr'd till the 26<sup>th</sup> of the same month ; And then other affaires, and Capt Markhams Continued Indisposition occasioned the delaying the buisnes of the bounds till the Spring ; afore which time Came M<sup>r</sup> William Haige, an officer of M<sup>r</sup> Penns, to the L. B. house, and desired the Bounds might be agreed, and determined, to which the L: B. answerd, that Capt<sup>n</sup> Markham's Sicknesse had till then hindered it. Shortly after the L. B. writ to Markham ; acquainting him, that precisely the 10<sup>th</sup> of June next following, there should be Comiss<sup>rs</sup> to attend at the head of Chesepeake Bay, there to